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SUBJECT: BUREAU OF CENSUS ADVISORS FOR CENTRAL DEPARTMENT
OF STATISTICS

REFS: (A) JIDDA 6088 (B) STATE 204658

1. ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN CENSUS PROJECT ARE AWARE THAT
CENSUS PERSONNEL MUST BE PHASED IN AT A PACE CONSISTENT
WITH SAUDI CAPACITY TO ABSORB THEM. THE PROPOSED PROJECT
AGREEMENT NOW CALLS FOR "UP TO 144 MAN MONTHS" OF ASSIST-
ANCE BY JUNE 30, 1976, (NOTE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS TEXT)
COVERING 20 PROFESSIONAL AND TWO ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS.
AS NOW PLANNED, INITIAL CENSUS PARTY WILL INCLUDE A
PRINCIPAL STATISTICS ADVISOR (PROJECT LEADER), A CHIEF DATA
PROCESSING EXPERT ("SYSTEMS-PROGRAMMER"), A GEOGRAPHER,
AND A DATA PROCESSING TRAINING EXPERT ("SENIOR TRAINER").
THEY WILL ARRIVE INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A GROUP WITHIN 30 TO
60 DAYS AFTER SIGNATURE OF PROJECT AGREEMENT. THE FOREIGN
TRADE STATISTICS EXPERT WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY THEREAFTER.
THE OTHER ADVISORS LISTED IN ATTACHMENT 1 TO THE DRAFT
PROJECT AGREEMENT WILL BE PHASED IN AS DEEMED
APPROPRIATE BY THE PROJECT LEADER AND HIS SAUDI COUNTERPART

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AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE USREP/JECOR OFFICE.

2. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN ACTION PLAN,
THERE SHOULD BE NO REFERENCE IN THE PROJECT AGREEMENT TO

THE NUMBER OF TEAM MEMBERS TO BE ON BOARD AS OF THE END OF

1975. WE HAVE BEEN USING AS A WORKING ASSUMPTION THE NUMBER SEVEN (7) AS A TARGET CONSIDERED FEASIBLE IN TERMS OF RECRUITMENT AND PROCESSING IN THE US AND RPT AND IN TERMS OF SAUDI ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY AS CONVEYED TO CENSUS BY WYNNE, ALI RASHID AND MOHAMMED SWAILEM, HEAD OF THE NATIONAL COMPUTER CENTER. SEVEN IS A MAXIMUM WORKING ESTIMATE, WITH THE ACTUAL NUMBER TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PROJECT LEADER AFTER HE HAS EXAMINED THE SITUATION ON THE SPOT. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, WE HAVE SIGNIFIED TO CENSUS AND TREASURY OUR CONCURRENCE IN AGREEMENT TEXT AS IT NOW STANDS, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN ADDITION TO THAT NOTED IN PARA 1 ABOVE: "TECHNICAL COOPERATION" VICE "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE" IN TITLE; ART 7(E) INSERT "WHEN REQUESTED" BETWEEN "COMMISSION" AND "IN"; DELETE CLAUSE (H) FROM ART. 7; ART. 8 NOW READS: "IF ANY PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT IS RENDERED UNABLE BECAUSE OF FORCE MAJEURE TO PERFORM ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, THESE RESPONSIBILITIES SHALL BE SUSPENDED DURING THE PERIOD OF CONTINUANCE OF SUCH INABILITY. THE TERM "FORCE MAJEURE" MEANS ACTS OF GOD, ACTS OF THE PUBLIC ENEMY, WAR, CIVIL DISTURBANCES, AND OTHER SIMILAR EVENTS NOT CAUSED BY NOR WITHIN THE CONTROL OF THE PARTIES. DURING THE PERIOD OF SUSPENSION OF PERFORMANCE CAUSED BY FORCE MAJEURE, CENSUS AND TREASURY MAY CONTINUE TO PAY NORMAL COSTS OF MAINTAINING PROJECT PERSONNEL IN SAUDI ARABIA FROM FUNDS ADVANCED TO THE UNITED STATES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA. IN THE EVENT OF SUSPENSION OF A PARTY'S DUTIES BECAUSE OF FORCE MAJEURE, THE PARTIES SHALL CONSULT AND ENDEAVOR JOINTLY TO RESOLVE ANY ATTENDANT DIFFICULTIES; ART. 9 REPLACE "SEPTEMBER 1, 1975" WITH "FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT"; AND REPLACE "PRIOR TO JULY 1" WITH "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET SCHEDULE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY"; ART. 10 DELETE "BY JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR"; DELETE ART. 12.

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3. ACCORDINGLY, TEXT TO BE TRANSMITTED SOONEST TO USREP/JECOR FOR PRESENTATION TO SAG.

4. QUESTION RAISED IN PARA 1 OF REF (A) CONCERNING EMBASSY ROLE IN PROJECT ELABORATION AND IMPLEMENTATION BEING ANSWERED SEPARATELY. KISSINGER

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